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This is issue 44 - our last issue for 1992. So don't look for CALPEEK on Dec. 14, 21 or 28. We're taking a holiday break to recoup for 1993. Our FIRST issue for 1993 will be dated Jan. 4, 1993. Here's wishing all CALPEEK subscribers and readers a very joyous Christmas holiday season and a healthy, prosperous & happy New Year...



CALPEEK'S ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items of interest...

- THE GUY THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY HATES MOST - That would be CA Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi(D). Garamendi has recently rejected an industry request to hike Workers' Comp insurance premiums by \$1 billion (12.6%). And now he's in court trying to force 20th Century Insurance Co. to comply with Prop. 103's rate rebates. If 20th Century wins its challenge, Prop. 103 could be in DEEP trouble. But more importantly, a 20th Century victory would have negative overtones for Garamendi in 1994. On the other hand, a Garamendi win would go a long way in putting him on even footing with Demo State Treas. Kathleen Brown, who like Garamendi, wants to replace Pete Wilson(R) as Governor of Calif...

- GEORGE BUSH & SAN FRANCISCO - How did Pres. George Bush do in the city/county of San Francisco on election day? According to S.F. Co. GOP Central Cmt. member Sam Harper(quoted in the 11/15 S.F. Indep.), Bush would have needed to double his 57,352 votes just to be elected to the Board of Supes...

- CARD CLUB MADNESS - Round 2 for the

upscale City of West Hollywood. On Dec. 16 the L.A. Co. Registrar will send word on whether proponents of a CARD CLUB have qualified an initiative. Some 5,575 names were submitted and 2,019 are needed to put a card club proposal on the next ballot. If proponents have 3,029 valid signatures, the city would have to hold a SPECIAL...

- ROUND 2: DORNAN VS. PADBERG - After failing in his attempt to keep Orange Co. GOP political consultant Eileen Padberg off the CA Comm. for the Status of Women, GOP U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan of Garden Grove has now filed "ethics" charges with the Orange Co. GOP Central Cmt. against EP and former Judge Judy Ryan, Dornan's GOP primary opponent. Dornan says EP and Ryan caused his wife "emotional stress." Last we heard, the Orange Co. GOP was deadlocked and could not reach a decision. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S '92 REVIEW: WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

Editor's note: We're going to have some fun with this last issue of CALPEEK. So sit back and enjoy, scream or weep...

- 1992 BIG WINNER - VERY HOT - Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. After the court reapportioned the Assembly, many anti-Brown critics yelled, "Stick a fork in him, he's done." But Brown fought back and even the anti-Willie crowd has to admit The Speaker is as strong as ever...

- GOING NOVA - Gov. Pete Wilson. Once a bright star, he could be a 1-termer...

- LOOKING GOOD - To all those GOP-types from Orange and Santa Clara Co. who backed Pres.-elect Bill Clinton...

- THE COMEBACK KID - New U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D-CA). And she's looking very strong for '94. Very hot...

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● COMING UP SHORT - Former U.S. Sen. John Seymour(R). Is there a job for this guy in the Wilson Admin.? Perhaps...

● LUCKIEST POLITICIAN - U.S. Sen.-elect Barbara Boxer. Had her opponent been Tom Campbell instead of Bruce Herschensohn, it might have been adios BB...

● 2nd LUCKIEST POLITICIAN - S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan. Thanks to Nat'l League Baseball owners, Jordan will NOT be known as the mayor who lost the Giants...

● RISING STAR - CA Demo Party Chairman Phil Angelides. Look for PA to run for statewide office in 1994...

● STARDOM JUST AROUND THE CORNER - CA State Tres. Kathleen Brown, who is making all the right moves for 1994...

● STILL HOPING FOR STARDOM - CA Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi --- and his wife, Patti, who wants to replace Gayle Wilson as CA's 1st lady. Problem is that Patti can't sing as well as Gayle --- except for the Irving Berlin classic, "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better." NO YOU CAN'T...

● ALMOST FADED FROM SIGHT - U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston; L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley; ex L.A. Co. DA Ira Reiner(as of 12/7); Calif. Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy...

● ONCE BRIGHT, BUT STARTING TO FADE - GOP Senate Leader Ken Maddy; U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio; San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer; Clinton campaign chair Mickey Kantor...

● FADED STAR WHO WON'T GO AWAY - Former CA Gov./CDP chair Jerry Brown...

● STAR THAT WON'T BE RUNNING IN '93 - L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina won't be running for L.A. Mayor...

● COULD BE A STAR, IF SHE WANTS TO BE - Stanford Univ. prof. Condoleezza Rice, ex-Bush NSA staffer. Has the RIGHT stuff, but no fire -- so far...

● HAPPIER AND HOTTER - U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters(D-L.A.) is back on top politically and is moving up the D.C. power ladder...

● TRYING TO REMAIN HOT - Former U.S.

Rep. Tom Campbell(R-Palo Alto). Will his new Coalition for a Republican Majority do the trick???

● MIA AWARD FOR 1992 - GOP Atty. Gen. Dan Lungren. Where was Dan during the 1992 election? Not very hot anymore...

● KEEP YOUR EYES ON - New San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, new Assemblyman Louis Caldera, new L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti, new GOP U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington, new S.F. County Sup. Barbara Kaufman, Clinton campaign press secretary Dee Dee Myers and Clinton's CA campaign mgr. John Emerson...

● HOT BUT NO PLACE TO GO - New GOP Assembly Leader Jim Brulte. Term limits hurts Republicans too. Stay tuned...

UNCIVIL WAR: BATTLE CONTINUES NATIONWIDE AND IN CALIF. FOR HEART & SOUL OF THE GOP.

Editor's note: If you saw CBS-TV's "Face The nation" or NBC-TV's "Meet The Press" two weekends ago, you got a real sense of the current conflict between hardline conservatives and the more moderate wing of the Republican Party. Although both sides talk about intra-party harmony, the fact is both sides are gearing up for more warfare in 1993. Here is CALPEEK's list of WARNING SIGNS of the impending battle in Calif...

● Hardline conservatives are still furious with Gov. Pete Wilson, leader of the moderate Republican forces, for dumping a small fortune into his Prop. 165 welfare reform measure at the EXPENSE of conservative congressional & legislative candidates. Hardliners are in no mood to forgive or forget...

● Hardliners also blame the moderates for not doing more to aid Bruce Herschensohn in his U.S. Senate race. Hardliners are especially angered at PRO-Choice GOP women who crossed over to vote for Demo Barbara Boxer...

● CA Republican Assembly Pres. Michael Schroeder has requested a formal opinion from CRP Rules Cmt. chair Tim Morgan on what action the CRP would take if a GOP central cmt. member or an officially chartered GOP organization took part in a RECALL of a Statewide Republican elected official. Schoeder isn't talking about AG

Dan Lungren. There are two official recall petitions in circulation against Wilson. If Schroeder and his GOP allies were to get involved, it would certainly give recall proponents a boost...

- Current CRP Chair Jim Dignan has decided to run for the CRP vice chairmanship at the party's Feb. 26-28 convention in Sacramento. At this point, it is unclear whether Gov. Wilson will back Dignan or possibly John Harrington, former energy secretary in the Reagan Admin. If Wilson and his allies back Harrington, that might cause some hardliners to push for a resolution of "no confidence" in Wilson at a future CRP convention. And a Wilson vs. Dignan scrap also could cause someone like Schroeder to run for the CRP chairmanship against the current vice chair, Tirso Del Junco. While Del Junco may consider himself to be an independent type, hardliners think Wilson might be able to twist his arm and thus in an all-out battle for control of the party, hardliners would want their own person as chair of the CRP...

- In an effort "to win back control" of the party from hardliners, soon-to-be ex GOP U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell of Palo Alto is about to launch The Coalition for a Republican Majority. Its been described to CALPEEK as a counter to the various hard-line PACs and groups already in existence. In addition, in Orange Co., political consultant Eileen Padberg and her former client Judy Ryan are setting up a group called Traditional Republicans United (TRU). The object is to ID hardliner candidates and then recruit moderates and traditional GOP types to run against these candidates. These developments point out that the build up for war isn't one sided. Stay tuned...

COUNCILMAN WOO FEATURED AT LUNCH DEC. 14th. L.A. Councilman Michael Woo will be the featured luncheon speaker on Dec. 14 when L.A. Current Affairs Forum holds its next meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 711 S. Hope St., L.A. Reception 11:30 a.m., lunch 12 noon. For RSVPs & info, call Emma Schafer at (310)445-8862...

L.A. MAYOR'S RACE: FIELD IS ALMOST SET. Editor's note: With the decision by L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina to NOT run, CALPEEK sources are beginning to handicap the upcoming April 20th election to replace L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley. There are about 19 people who have filed papers to run, but only 9 are considered SERIOUS. While there are some potentially powerful contenders, most of the serious candidates lack citywide name ID and will have to spend large sums of money to get better known. Here is how some CALPEEK source now handicap the race:

- THE TOP TIER - CALPEEK sources tap L.A. Councilman Michael Woo and attorney Richard Riordan as the only ones in this category, now that Molina is OUT. Both have now put together formidable campaign teams. Woo recently completed his team by hiring Parke Skelton & Barbara Grover. Skelton/Grover & Assoc. will handle direct mail; Squier, Eskew, Knapp will be the overall media consultant; and Fairbank, Maullin & Assoc. are in charge of polling. Riordan's team is just as powerful, with lead consultant Clint Reilly; Jadine Nielsen (from Clinton/Gore) as daily mgr.; Arnold Steinberg & Assoc. handling polling; and Joe Scott (former editor of the Political Animal) as communications director. Of the two top contenders, Riordan is the one with the most MONEY. He says he will spend \$2.5 million of his own...

- 2nd Tier - L.A. Councilman Joel Wachs is the only candidate in this category for the time being. Sources say Wachs is very close to naming an overall consultant and team to run his campaign. Paul Koretz is handling daily campaign coordination...

- POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH - Assemblyman Richard Katz (D) has raised about \$250,000 so far and has hired James Carville as his campaign consultant. HOWEVER, Katz hasn't made a formal announcement and is not expected to do so until early January. There are some CALPEEK sources who speculate that Katz also may be eyeing a job with the Clinton Admin., but with the announcement Dec. 2nd by L.A. Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky that he WON'T run, this may be just the thing which pushes Katz to go all out for the city's top job. Had Zev run, some insiders think Katz might have dropped out, but NOT now...

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• **LONG SHOTS** - Attorney Tom Houston; former L.A. school board member Julian Nava; businessman Nick Patsaouras; and L.A. Councilman Nate Holden are the serious candidates with the longest odds of winning. Some sources rate Holden a little higher because of his name ID, but the sexual harassment allegations against him really hurt. Houston, as far as CALPEEK can determine, doesn't have a constituent base or money. Now that Molina and L.A. Councilman Richard Alatorre aren't running, Nava may lay claim to the Hispanic voter base, but his ability to raise money is a key questionmark. As for Patsaouras, he has little name ID, but like Riordan, is well connected, and thus has the potential to raise a large war chest. Patsaouras has hired consultant Bill Carrick...

...FYI. The key date to keep your eye on is Dec. 20th. That's the last day to re-register in the City of L.A. If former CA Gov. Jerry Brown is going to run, he'll have to sign up by then. Stay tuned...

PAST CHAIRMAN'S DAY FOR L.A. PA OFFICERS.

The L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn. holds its annual "Past Chairman's Day" on Dec. 14. 11:15 a.m. reception hosted by PAC Bell, lunch at 12 noon, The Tower in downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs, contact Jenny Silver at PAC Bell (213)975-5107...

ISRAEL'S AMB. SHOVAL ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

The Hon. Zalman Shoval, Israeli ambassador to the U.S., will discuss the ongoing Middle East Peace Talks, 11:45 a.m., Dec. 11, Grand Ballroom, Hilton Hotel, S.F. The ambassador's speech is co-sponsored by the Commonwealth Club of CA and the World Affairs Council. For info (415)597-6705...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: TWO MORE MEASURES.

Editor's note: Here is a brief update on two more initiatives in circulation...

• **"REGULATION. FREIGHT TRAIN LENGTH. TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS,"** is the official title of a statute submitted by James P. Jones of Sacto (916)441-2051. If approved, it would prohibit freight trains from transporting certain hazardous materials if the train exceeded 2,000 feet in overall length. Jones has until Mar. 15 to collect 384,974 signatures...

• **"REPEAL OF TAX EXEMPTIONS"** is the official title of a constitutional amendment and statute which if approved, would delete the exemptions from property taxes on many items, making taxable such components as libraries, museums, non-profit schools, churches and religious property, and cemeteries. The measure would also delete the homeowner's property tax exemption and certain exemptions for homes for the blind, disabled and injured vets. It goes even further by deleting exemptions on sales/income tax for a large group of non-profit groups, such as colleges, vet organizations, youth groups, student organizations, museums, zoos, religious organizations and business inventory. The sponsor of this measure is Clara Henderson of Sacto (916)448-7439. She has until Apr. 19 of next year to gather 615,958 signatures. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

• Joe Scott, who for the past 20 years has been the editor of the Political Animal and The Calif. Eye, has sold both publications to Bill Homer. Scott is now a VP with Clinton Reilly Campaigns in L.A...

• Gayle S. Greenwood of Pac Bell takes over as chairperson of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn. for 1993...

• A sad note: actor and Huntington Beach Councilman Jack Kelly died last month from a severe stroke. R.I.P...

• BOE Chair Brad Sherman's legal counsel, attorney Steve Kamp, has resigned to become admin. asst. & counsel to newly elected U.S. Rep. Peter Deutsch(D-FL). Kamp will be based in D.C...

• Paul Croshaw has formed his own political list & direct mail company called Croshaw Communications. The firm is HQed in Long Beach. (310)422-3330...

• George I. Minter has been named manager of public affairs planning & analysis at So. Calif. Gas Co., at the company's L.A. HQ...

